



**Parks and Recreation Department Board  
Minutes**

**October 9, 2001  
Regular Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2001 in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

**Board Members Present:** Rosemary Castleberry, Jeff Francell, Jeb Boyt, Rhonda Pratt, Mary Ruth Holder and Amy Babich

**Board Members Absent:** Clint Small and Rocky Medrano

**City Staff Present:** Jesus M. Olivares, Kimberley Jamail-Mitchell, Warren Struss, Juan Valera-Lema, Raul Calderon, Robert Armistead, Butch Smith, Junie Plummer, Farhad Madani, Rick Ramirez, Debbie Kelton and Dina Haines

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** September 25, 2001 meeting. **Board Member Francell** made the motion to approve the minutes as written. **Board Member Pratt** seconded the motion. **The Board was in favor 6-0-0.**

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**D. PRESENTATION**

**Robert Armistead, Division Manager, Programs and Raul Calderon, City of Austin Legal Department** made changes to the draft copy of the 'Standards of Care for Parks and Recreation Department Programs for Children.' A public hearing will be held October 23, 2001, at the Parks Board Meeting, to receive input from the citizen of Austin regarding the new ordinance that will be added to the city ordinance codes.

**Junie Plummer, Property Agent, Real Estate Services Division of Public Works** made a brief presentation to the board and distributed a handout regarding 'Destination Parks and Greenways' acquired tracts.

**Butch Smith**, Senior Planner, PARD Planning Department spoke to the board regarding the city's 'Park Linking System' through hiking and biking trails.

**Warren Struss**, Operations Division Manager spoke to the board regarding the 'Park Maintenance Audit' which will be concluded at the end of October 2001.

**Rick Ramirez**, Management Service Division Manager spoke to the board regarding the 'Employee Safety Audit Follow up' recommendations.

**Juan Valera-Lema**, Natural Resources Division Manager gave a brief presentation updating the current status of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserves, the Dino Pit, Dinosaur Garden and the department's current plan to assist Water and Wasterwater Utility with a deer management plan.

**E. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

None

**F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Olivares informed the board of a city council item on this week's council agenda regarding the management and oversight of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. In particular, the resolution directs the City Manager to recommend to the City Council the most suitable City Department to manage and maintain the BCP.

Mr. Olivares invited board members to attend the Forestry and Tree Folk tree planting at Montopolis Recreation Center, Saturday, October 13, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. till noon.

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Programs Committee

None

Land and Facilities Committee

None

Navigation Committee

None

Bond Oversight Committee

None

**H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Board Member Holder** informed the board of her neighborhood wishes to adopt a clean up day at Mt. Bonnell Park.

**I.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 p.m.